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SUBJ: RESPONSE TO CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY ON SINGAPORE VESSEL

REF: A. STATE 15119 B. STATE 15318

1. NEPTUNE ORIENT PTE. LIMITED IS 100 PERCENT OWNED BY GOVERNMENT OF SINGAPORE.

2. UPON RECEIPT OF REFTELS, EMBASSY OFFICER ON JANUARY 25 CONTACTED NEPTUNE ORIENT'S MANAGING DIRECTOR, GOH CHOK TONG, AND CHARTERING DIRECTOR SOLI SETNA. THEY CONFIRMED SUBSTANCE OF PARA 3 REF A AND PROVIDED FOLLOWING SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION.

3. IN ADDITION TO SCIMITAR DEFAULT ON CHARTER PAYMENTS FOR
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NEPTUNE TURQUOISE, NEPTUNE ORIENT (NOL) WILL ALSO HAVE TO BEAR PORT CHARGES IN AQABA WHICH MUST BE PAID TO ENSURE THAT NOL SHIPS CONTINUE TO HAVE ACCESS TO AQABA. IN ORDER TO RECOUP SOME OF THEIR LOSSES AND TO REDUCE PROSPECTIVE CHARGES, NEPTUNE ORIENT CHANGED TURQUOISE'S SCHEDULE AND INTENDED TO HAVE VESSEL STOP AT ODETTA, YEMEN TO DISCHARGE SOME OF ITS CARGO BEFORE PROCEEDING TO AQABA. AT THIS POINT, NEPTUNE ORIENT REPORTEDLY

WAS CONTACTED BY DISCO ALUMINUM REPRESENTATIVES WHO PLEADED THAT THEIR CARGO HAD TO REACH AQABA BY END OF JANUARY. NEPTUNE ORIENT SAID IT WOULD ROUTE SHIP DIRECTLY TO AQABA IF DISCO WOULD MAKE CONTRIBUTION OF APPROXIMATELY \$50,000 TO COVER COSTS AND SOME OF NEPTUNE ORIENT'S LOSSES.

4. DISCO AT FIRST AGREED TO THESE TERMS AND NEPTUNE ORIENT DIRECTED THE SHIP TO AQABA. HOWEVER, ON JANUARY 24, NEPTUNE ORIENT WAS INFORMED BY ITS NEW YORK LAWYERS THAT DISCO ALUMINUM HAD REVERSED ITS POSITION AND WAS UNWILLING TO MAKE THE SPECIFIED PAYMENT TO NEPTUNE ORIENT. IN TURN, NEPTUNE ORIENT IS NOW DIS-INCLINED TO HAVE THE GOODS OFFLOADED WITHIN THE STATED TIME LIMIT. NEPTUNE ORIENT OFFICIALS CONTEND DISCO ALUMINUM HAS RENEGED ON THEIR AGREEMENT, THUS EXPOSING NEPTUNE ORIENT TO POTENTIAL ADDITIONAL LOSSES. WE HAVE ALSO BEEN INFORMED BY NEPTUNE ORIENT THAT DISPOSITION OF CARGO IS AT ITS DISCRETION.

5. MR. SETNA STATED NEPTUNE ORIENT CAN STILL HAVE THE WINDOW FRAMES DELIVERED ON TIME IF DISCO ALUMINUM WILL ABIDE BY THEIR EARLIER AGREEMENT. HE EXPLAINED THAT THE SHIP SHOULD REACH AQABA WITHIN TWO DAYS AND NEPTUNE ORIENT REPRESENTATIVES ARE ALREADY NEGOTIATING WITH AQABA AUTHORITIES FOR BERTHING RIGHTS. HE WAS CERTAIN THAT GOODS COULD BE OFF-LOADED BY JANUARY 27. HOLDRIDGE

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